



***San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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DRAFT MINUTES
December 11, 2008

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present
	1	Vacant
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Present
	3	Vacant
Teresa Barth	3	Absent
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Present
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Present
Jim Conrad	5	Present
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:

Colleen Carr, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures
Fred Kaczmarek, Oceanside Senior Anglers
Mike Macardo
John Rowe, Friends of Rollo
Captain Gary Abbamonte
Ron Baker, On the Water Radio - Dialed in Guide Service
Chugey Sepulveda, Pflieger Institute of Environmental Research
Robert Smith, SD County Wildlife Federation
Scott Aalbers
Kelly Salmans, SD Council of Bass Clubs
Ron Wade

C. Approval of minutes of the meetings from August 14, 2008. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Call for the vote: motion was approved unanimously.

D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)

2 Commission positions remain vacant in District 1 (Cox) and District 3 (Slater-Price). 2 members of the public are attending tonight's meeting prior to requesting appointment.

E. Chairman's Report (Dodd)

Chairman Dodd discussed impact of recent 2d Amendment rulings, notably the new final ruling regarding the firearms carry policy in the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge systems. Final ruling indicates that carry policy in a given facility will be determined by the state's concealed weapons policy. Commissioner Dodd noted that California lacks a "shall carry" policy; County policy is anti-concealed weapons. Details to be determined.

Commissioner Bransford presented copies of a proposed draft regulating shooting clubs and ranges. Draft ordinance is currently in the County Attorney's office and will be considered by the County Board of Supervisors at its next meeting. Bransford noted that the draft was not provided to the SDFWAC for review and comment, in apparent abrogation of understanding with DPLU and Parks and Rec Depts. Origin of draft is unknown; Bob Fusco is investigating. Matter should be agendized for the next meeting.

F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Dodd)
No meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Fisheries restoration issues (Campbell)

DFG lost the lawsuit brought by Stanford Law Students and the Southwest Centers for Biological Diversity blocking stocking of fish in streams and lakes where any of 26 native endangered or threatened species of reptiles, amphibians or fishes may be present. Stocking of reservoirs was exempted from the prohibition. Other hatchery and stocking operations may proceed until January 1, 2010, when DFG must produce a compliant EIS/EIR. This ruling has significantly impacted local efforts to restore fisheries destroyed by recent firestorms. San Diego Trout has petitioned for removal of the arroyo toad from this list of sensitives, based on evidence that rainbow trout find AT tadpoles and adults unpalatable. The Court removed the Yosemite toad from the list on this basis.

At the ATPAC meeting Oct 1, 2008, DFG's Jim Starr presented information regarding the possibility of a "restoration hatchery" as a response to the prohibition on stocking non-native trout in streams where sensitive amphibian and piscine species are present. This is the first high level recognition by DFG of the validity of the premise that has been discussed in our Commission meetings for the past two years. There was no attribution of San Diego Trout or the SD FWAC as sources of the idea. Prop AB could provide funds to help support operation of the restoration [conservation] hatchery.

Commissioner Campbell noted that there has been no progress in capturing smolting fish from Pauma Creek and transplanting them, as suggested to the Department many times over the past decades; There has also been no progress in the recovery of rainbow trout from the Loveland Reservoir, or the question of minimum flows downstream from Palo Verde Dam.

On Nov 14, 2008, DFG's Dave Katjaniak reported finding RT in Aqua Tibia Creek, a tributary of the San Luis Rey River. This stream was barren two years ago. Origin of the fish is unknown.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Invitation to Dan Richards (Dodd).

No success scheduling in the near term. Efforts to coordinate with Dan Richards will continue in FY 09.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Review of the Commission mission statement and goals (Conrad).

Commissioner Bransford reported that the Lake Wohlford property proposed for youth camp is no longer on the market. As noted, freshwater fishery restoration goals are unmet. Recommend review of 2008 goals and setting of 2009 goals be continued until the January 2009 meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

5. FWAC recommendations on National and County Park firearms policy (Dodd).

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

6. Review of previously funded grants (Smothers).

Commissioner Smothers reports that staff has not yet provided a list of previous grantees, and recommends continuation of item until the January meeting.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

7. AB815 (Dodd)

Bill vetoed by Gov Schwarzenegger.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☐

No ☒

New Business:

1. Grant Presentations (Dodd).

Grant ID #3 Oceanside Senior Anglers "Sponsored Kid Fishing Trips"

Grant ID #4 Pflieger Institute for Environmental Research "White Seabass Research"

Grant ID #5 Friends of Rollo "Youth Marine Awareness"

Grant ID #6 SD County Wildlife Federation "Honey Springs Well Restoration"

Grant ID #7 On the Water Dialed in Guide Service "Crystal Pier Kids"

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

2. Financial Review

Chairman Dodd notes that funding requests total approximately \$28,000. Available funds total approximately \$14,000 for 5 projects.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

3. New Officer Election (Dodd).

Commissioner Conrad agreed to serve as Commission Chairman, with Commissioner Bransford as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Campbell will serve again as Secretary.

Commissioner Conrad moved to approve the slate as discussed above. Commissioner Sloane seconded. The officer slate was approved unanimously by acclaim.

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Yes ☐

No ☒

4. 2008 Attendance Review (Dodd).

Chairman Dodd noted that 2 positions remain vacant, and that two candidates were present to fulfill the requirement that a candidate attend at least one Commission meeting prior to confirmation.

District 1 (Cox)

Kelly Salmans

District 3 (Slater-Price)

Ron Wade

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

5. Draft Semiannual Report (Dodd)

Commissioner Dodd reminded all that input for the semiannual report is due NLT next month, if the April deadline is to be met.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☒

No ☐

6. County Board of Supervisors' Policy A-74 and M-2 (Dodd)

Commissioner Dodd requested that Commissioners review policies individually.

Retain this item for next agenda

Yes ☐

No ☒

G. Commissioner's Corner –

Jack Bransford & Jim Conrad: attended recent Multispecies Conservation Plan meeting, and found a complete lack of representation of sportsman groups that promote consumptive uses on the Steering Committee. Commissioner Bransford noted that the MSCP Planning Group makes decisions that can drastically reduce access to public lands by sportsmen.

H. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm. Motion by Dodd, seconded by Sloane.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. Grant discussion and award decisions (Dodd).
2. Proposed County draft regulation on shooting clubs and ranges (Bransford)
3. Review of the Commission mission statement and goals (Conrad)
3. Commissioners input to Semiannual Board Report

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